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In re Application of: Mark A. Burns *et al.*

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Examiner: Sisson, B.

Entitled: Microscale Devices And Reactions In Microscale Devices

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO
FINAL OFFICE ACTION MAILED 07/03/02**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

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Sir or Madam:

Please enter the following on the record as a Preliminary Amendment accompanied by a Request For Continued Examination and a petition for a one month extension of time.

This response was previously submitted regarding Final Office Action mailed on July 3, 2002 intended to provoke an Advisory Action. This response was not entered on the record as explained in the subsequent Advisory Action (mailed September 9, 2002) stating that new issues were raised that required further consideration and/or search.

A clean version of the rewritten or added claims with instructions for entry pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.121(c)(1)(i) is included beginning on page two of this communication. A marked-up version of the rewritten claims pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.121(c)(1)(ii) is attached as Appendix I. A clean version of the entire set of pending claims pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.121(c)(3) as they should appear following entry of this amendment is attached as Appendix II.